

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 12, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 75, 1/8/2007; HB 108, 1/8/2007

[EXHIBIT\(tah08a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah08a02\)](#)

Both exhibits pertain to information on HB 109 which was heard in Taxation Committee on January 10, 2007.

HEARING ON HB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:52 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 75, Statutorily appropriate bentonite tax proceeds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:34 Sen. Keith Bales, SD 20
00:06:37 Willy Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Oil and Gas Producing Counties also speaking for Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)
00:07:19 Rep. Carol Lambert, HD 39
00:07:51 Amy Sassano, Operations and Budget Manager, Budget and Program Planning Office, Office of the Governor

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:38 Steve Austin, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:11 Rep. Bill McChesney

HEARING ON HB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:33 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 108, State withholding for pensions, annuities, and other deferred income.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:24 Russ Hyatt, Bureau Chief, Accounts Receivable and
Collections, Montana Department of Revenue

00:17:58 Rep. McAlpin arrived at hearing

00:21:35 Karleen Hagenbuch

[EXHIBIT\(tah08a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah08a04\)](#)

00:25:18 Jacalyn Boyle, representing AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:27 Jacqueline Lenmark, representing American Council of
Life Insurers(ACLI) also speaking for Mary
Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:37:24 Brian Olson, Income Tax Specialist, Montana Department
of Revenue

00:37:45 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public
Employees Retirement Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:14 Rep. Ross

00:39:31 Rep. Butcher

00:42:00 Rep. Hilbert

00:43:59 Rep. McAlpin

00:44:38 Rep. Cohenour

00:46:00 Rep. Sonju

00:47:10 Rep. Lambert

00:49:39 Rep. Butcher

00:53:40 Rep. Cohenour

00:55:06 Rep. Butcher

00:58:16 Rep. McAlpin left the hearing

00:58:54 Rep. Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:33 Rep. Ron Erickson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:05 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah08aad.pdf](#))